

Everything we are about to tell you comes from house logs and records from MDC that were furnished to us.

Our Son Glen Marten a former resident of MDC now resides at Missouri River Center in Great Falls. Glen was fully independent and ran/walked a 5k and golfed in Sept./early Oct. ²⁰¹⁴ He was capable of feeding himself, bathing himself and taking care of all bodily functions. Starting Sept 11 he began falling, complaining of headaches, and on Sept 22 he was crying uncontrollably that his neck hurt, he was given Tylenol to relieve the pain. In early Oct. conditions worsened, loss of balance, weakness, faintness and falling out of bed, cannot feel his legs with tingling in legs. We talked with Glen Oct 16 and he stated he was having staff assist him in walking, when asking staff that evening what was going on we were told it was an attention getter and he was faking it. We called the staff nurse the next day and she stated the same thing. Within a week Glen was in a wheel chair with the same story of him faking. At this time they did a brain MRI with no results given to us until we called for the results. Two different times Glen fell to the floor and one time he was left there and he finally dragged himself to his room. On Oct. 19th Glen was moved to a room at the back of the building as far from the staff office as possible with the door being shut at times (we did not know about the move). Someone told Glen he had MS. Oct. 31 a lower lumbar MRI was done. Late October early Nov. conditions worsened, leg pains, leg spasms, he had become incontinent and had to wear attends, he had to be strapped in a wheelchair, falling forward at the dinner table a pillow had to be placed in front of him to keep him from hitting his head on the table and he was not able to feed himself. Nov. 10 a client slapped Glen on top of head in Glen's room and again at 10:20 client was in Glen's room and punched him in the mouth causing him to bleed, Glen was locked in his room about 3 times over the next week, they said to protect him. Nov. 14 MDC took Glen to Helena to do a CT scan of the neck, because of his rigidity and muscle spasms and him being in the fetal position they could not do the scan. Nov. 18 Glen being incontinent he was put to bed with a urinal on. On Nov. 24th we decided to check on Glen as we were getting no answers from staff other than he was faking it and we found him in a deplorable state, his body was emaciated and he was down to 123 lbs., skin hanging on his bones and looked very dehydrated. He was in a back bedroom with door shut and in the fetal position in his recliner, the bed was not made up, we asked why he was in this room and were told it had an adjustable bed but then they said the bed was broken.

We insisted they get him up and change him and feed him lunch, this was a Monday and he hadn't eaten much since Friday. We immediately called the advocacy and told them of his condition and feared he would not live much longer. We were later told at St. Petes had we not gotten involved he would not have lasted two more days. The next day they took him to St. Petes after a call from the advocacy, at 1:00am we received a call from the ER Dr. that Glen had a massive pulmonary embolism and needed to be started on a clot buster medicine, MDC medical personnel did not call and tell us about him being admitted. They finally were able to do an MRI of the cervical spine and found he had two herniated disks and was scheduled for surgery the 2 days later, at that time he had no use of arms, hands, or legs and was in intense pain with spasms. After the surgery that night the surgeon gave us no hope of getting anything back below c5/c6. Bob asked the surgeon if his disk problem was degenerative and he said no, it was a spinal cord injury. We have been with Glen every day since his surgery and seen much pain and suffering on his part, he will need high skilled nursing for the rest of his life, living in a nursing home and never having his own bedroom, having to share with another person. He is confined to a wheel chair, has no bowel or bladder control, has had a permanent catheter operation 5 week ago, the use of his arms has returned and hand coordination is getting better. He is not able to dress himself, bath himself, or transfer himself from bed to wheel chair and back without assistance. MDC's lack to address Glens issues is deplorable, to go from a fully functioning adult to what he is now is inexcusable. To this day we have never been told what happened to Glen to cause this spinal cord injury. May God forgive MDC staff!!! We firmly believe MDC needs to be shut down for the protection of all current and future clients. There is a need for a facility for the handicapped, but not under the present administration/workers or location.

Since we read our statement before the Senate, Glen has been moved to long-term care in the nursing home from the rehabilitation wing.